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CELLULOSE AND PAPER INDUSTRY
RECONSTRUCTION BEHIND SCHEDULE

The cellulose and paper industry attained large-scale successes in 1948. The annual plan for paper output was realized 104.5 percent, and cellulose 101.5 percent. Paper manufacture was 18.5 percent over that of 1947, and cellulose 35.4 percent. An overwhelming majority of the enterprises met their production programs ahead of schedule, many as early as October.

The Segezha Combine, the Kondopoga Combine, and the Ivaskelya Mill underwent extensive reconstruction.

In 1948, the paper makers accumulated more than 100 million rubles over and above the plan.

The personnel of the Balakhna Cellulose and Paper Combine came forward again this year as the initiators of the 1949 socialist competition for paper makers. The Kama Combine has followed their lead. These two combines have promised to manufacture 4,000 tons of paper over and above the plan for 1949. The Segezha Combine plans to fulfill the plan for 5 months by 1 May 1949.

Reconstruction of cellulose and paper enterprises of the Karelo-Finnish SSR and Leningrad Oblast has been unsatisfactory. The Solikamsk Combine expansion plans have not materialized. The development of power bases for the Okulovka, Kondrovo, and several other mills is behind schedule.

There were several unfortunate examples of assortment-plan violation. The Kondrovo Mill, for instance, failed to fulfill the plan for production of important grades of writing and notebook paper, occupying itself instead with increased output of wrapping paper and other grades of less importance.

Quality of production was poor in a number of cases. The Kama Combine turned out insufficiently glazed, flocculent writing and printing paper. The Arkhangel'sk and Solikamsk combines permitted weight variations of 25 - 30 percent in different sheets. The Mill imeni Volodarskiy has not yet

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re-established the former reputation of its watermark. Cellulose, especially the bleached varieties, from the Solikamsk, Arkhangel'sk, and imeni Sverdlov plants continues to have many defects.

Consumption of raw materials by wood-pulp chemical plants is often inefficient. The Arkhangel'sk and Solikamsk combine still consume up to 160 kilograms of sulfur per ton of cellulose, while many sulfate-pulp plants use an unnecessary amount of soda ash. Soda-ash reclamation runs around 60 - 70 percent instead of 90 - 92 percent as should be expected.

Certain enterprises -- the Plant imeni Sverdlov, the Combine imeni Kuybyshev, the Vishera Combine, and the Kamensk Mill -- have permitted considerable overexpenditure of wood pulp and chemicals.

The Balakhna and Kama Combines, on the other hand, have distinguished themselves in the economy of their material consumption.

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